

**MINUTES**

July 15, 2009

**SITE: Hazel Park Recreation Center**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carrie Wasley, Jonathan Carter, Susan Bishop, Andrew Trcka, Peter Pha, Paul Middleton, and Betsy Mowry

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erick Goodlow (excused) and Therese Kelly (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Hahm, Jody Martinez, Don Ganje, Alice Messer, Bryan Murphy, Jim Brewer, and Nou Chang

**GUESTS:** Cathy Nordin, Kathy Audette, Sally Worku, Jeanne Baumann, Gjerry Berquist, Christopher Brooks, Heather Shirey, Liz Cappiello, Monica Dryand, Gary Fifield, Kris Wertz, Brian Simpson, Jon Kerr, Grit Youngquist, Elisabeth and Anthony Corsaw, Wendy Moylan, Katherine Kelly, John Marino, Art Oglesby, Marsha Milgrom, Kelly Bellini, Jerry Seppala, Pete Bolstad, Lena Swanson, Jeff Grapevine, Nanette Echols, Vicki Stewart, Lori Klongtawatre, Lois Anderson, Jim Olsen, Claudia Daly, Monica Dryand, Jon Ingemunson, and Mary Wawro

**1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Meeting was called by Chair Wasley at 6:30 p.m.
- b. The agenda was approved by Commissioner Middleton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Pha.
- c. The minutes from the June meeting were approved by Commissioner Mowry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Carter.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing was called by Chair Wasley at 6:39 p.m. Twenty-four visitors signed to speak.

Gjerry Berquist – addressed the Commission concerning his opposition to the proposed Dog Park in Lilydale Master Plan.

Christopher Brook – Como Park resident – addressed the Commission in support of the Como Pool Master Plan.

Liz Cappiello – dog advocate – addressed the Commission in support of the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Gary Fifield – Mac-Groveland resident – addressed the Commission in support of the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Monica Dryand – West Side resident – addressed the Commission to share her concern and opposition to the proposed Dog Park in Lilydale.

Kris Wertz – Mac-Groveland resident – addressed the Commission to share strong support for the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Jon Kerr – Friends of Lilydale – addressed the Commission to share support for the Lilydale Master Plan.

Grit Youngquist – Friends of Lilydale – addressed the Commission to share support for the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Elisabeth Corsaw – Como Park resident – addressed the Commission to share support for the Como Pool Master Plan.

Wendy Moylan – Ward 7 resident – addressed the Commission to share support for the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Katherine Kelly – addressed the Commission to share her concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

John Marino – addressed the Commission to share his concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

Art Oglesby – Como Park resident – addressed the Commission to share his concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

Sally Worku – addressed the Commission to share her concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

Marsha Milgrom – Como Pool Task Force – addressed the Commission to share her concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

Jon Ingemunson – addressed the Commission to share support for the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Jeanne Baumann – resident of Como Park – addressed the Commission to share her concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

Claudia Daly – Como resident – addressed the Commission to share her concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan. She also provided a letter to each Parks Commissioner.

Mary Wawro – Como Park resident – addressed the Commission to share her concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

Lena Swanson – West Side resident – addressed the Commission to share her strong support for the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Nanette Echols – Mac-Groveland resident – addressed the Commission to share her support for the Dog Park at Lilydale.

Vicki Stewart – Como Pool Task Force – addressed the Commission to share her support for the Como Pool Master Plan and believes it will serve the underrepresented community of teenagers and seniors.

Kathy Audette – Como Park resident – addressed the Commission to share her concerns and opposition to the Como Pool Master Plan.

Lori Klontgivatroke – addressed the Commission to share her support for the Como Pool Master Plan.

Director Hahm noted of e-mails sent by Michael Kleber-Diggs commenting on the Como Pool design and Cherie Risesenberg comments related to memorials along Mississippi River Blvd.

The Public Hearing was closed by Chair Wasley at 7:40 p.m.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Resolution 09-11 recommending Lilydale Regional Park 1,000 Benches Proposal**  
Commissioner Middleton motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Pha resolution 09-11. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent.
- b. **Resolution 09-12 recommending First Tee Sponsorship Recognition Plan**  
Commission Carter made a contingent motion which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mowry, pending further details on the specific types of recognition to be provided by First Tee of St. Paul at the September meeting. Donor recognition and naming for a potential lead sponsor was recommended for approval as proposed. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent.
- c. **Resolution 09-13 recommending Como Pool Master Plan**  
Commissioner Carter motioned and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mowry. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent.
- d. **Resolution 09-14 recommending Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan**  
Commissioner Mowry motioned to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Middleton.. Director Hahm presented letters from the National Park Service and the Friends of the Mississippi River containing comments on the proposed master plan. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent.

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. **Hamline Hague Park Re-naming Proposal**
  - Commissioner Mowry motioned and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Treka to maintain the parks historical name of Hamline Hague Park. The Commission concluded that the suggested naming request is not consistent with established Parks and Recreation naming criteria. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent.

**5. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. **2009 Park Tour** – To be held Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. Meeting at Como Central Facility Service. Tour will include Raspberry Island, Lilydale Park, Bruce Vento, and other sites.

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A copy of the Director's report was mailed earlier in the week.

**a. 2009 – 2010 Budget Update**

- Public Arts Ordinance was considered by City Council to dedicate 1% of capital budgets to Public Art.

**b. Financial Dashboard and Performance Measures**

- Graphs were included in monthly packet to Parks Commissioners.

**c. Recognize Nou Chang for support services with Parks Commission.**

- Commissioner Carter motioned and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Middleton. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent.

**7. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

**Bicycle** □ Commissioner Carter: Last meeting topic was regarding upgrade to Griggs, Prior, and Jefferson projects.

**Dog Parks** □ Commissioner Mowry: Will distribute flier of upcoming Dog Wash event to Parks Commissioners at a later date.

**Second Shift** □ Commissioner Mowry: Looking at options to secure funding.

**Trees** □ Commissioner Pha: Next meeting is July 16, 2009.

**Blooming St Paul** □ Commissioner Middleton: There was no meeting.

**Ramsey County Water and Soil Conservation District** □ Chair Wasley: no update

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Middleton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Pha to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.